Cromsigt Wins Street Stock Finale At KCR, Peedan Clinches Track Championship

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Pine Mountain Club resident Gerritt Cromsgt powered to his second consecutive Street Stock main event win as Kern County Raceway has only one race left Oct. 7th Saturday night. Cromsight also topped his Trophy Dash, earning the Slick Trick $225 posted by Dave Harvey at the Tire Barn in Rosamond.

Cromsight, who was disqualified three weeks ago after the post race tech found a modified suspension part, was in good spirits after this weeks victory.

"They wanted to check every little thing at the race," Cromsigt said. "I want everyone to know we were 100% legal, and I concentrate on the Oct. 7th fall Spectacular at KCR."

Cromsigt's orange, number 25, encountered plenty of challenges en route to the win including an opening lap narrow miss with a car incident in turn two.

Lancaster's Larry Wolford led the first initial lap after the restart and clung to the front spot for the first ten laps despite being under intense pressure from Bill Mularo and Cromsigt. Cromsigt moved into the lead on the restart following Joe Dinger's turn one spun. Wolford briefly retained the position down the backstretch before surrendering the spot for good at the halfway point.

Mularo, Day and John Cappi both charged into the battle for the top slots, only to collide with each other and Wolford going on to finish three. Wolford's car left the track with a hook following the incident while Cappi went to the rear the field. Day was able to remain in the race in second.

Veteran Peedan was the next to challenge for second as Cromsigt pulled away before on the restart. Peedan fell off the pace in the closing laps and dropped to sixth. But it was enough as his closest rival, Ron Hornaday III, broke an axle on the last lap and was credited with a 14th place finish. Peedan's sixth earned him the track championship for the class, much to the delight for the fans who and watched the Palmdale resident battle up front the entire season. Hornaday's valiant runner-up effort earned the Highland High student Rookie of the Year honors.

Gerrit Cromsigt #25 passed Larry Wolford to take the Street Stock Main Event win.

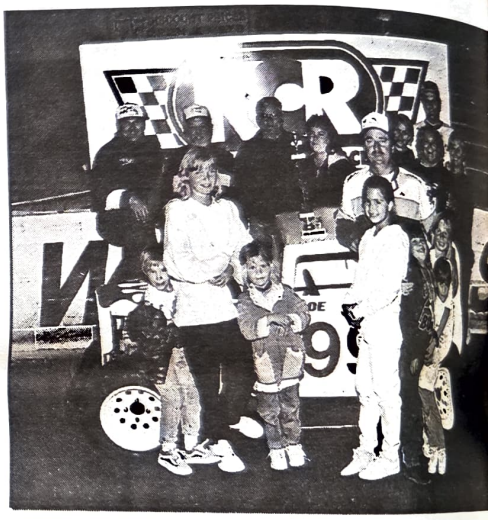
Day finished second ahead of Famularo, Kirk Miller was fourth with last years winter series champ Greg Benner fifth.

Joe McAlister claimed top honers in the CDCRA Dwarf Car main after early leader Gary Ebeling was taken out by a lapper mid-way through the race. Brian Saxton crossed the finish stripe second with Roger Teno placing third.

Terry Limberopoulos won the Mini Stock main with an impressive 25 lap romp through a tough 15-car field. Mark Suchy placed second ahead of Gregg Davidson, Rick Nisbet and Robert Hynes. Rick Nisbet clinched the Mini Stock Track Championship.

El Monte's Gary Ebeling pulled off a victory in the I-4 Modified Main ahead of Al Richards, Tim Garder, Kevin Stevens. Ebeling won the Dash and Richards won the heat.

Rich Crow dominated the Late Model division in his Hamer-Toyota sponsored machine. Crow had fast time in qualifying with 14.874, then topped his heat race and the main event after taking the lead on lap five. Scott Dinger earned the runner-up share of the purse, with Rick Hopkins rounding out the top three.


Joe McAlister poses with crew and family winning the Dwarf Car Main.

Craig Rayburn had little trouble working his way into the lead in the Pro-Stock main, but once there, came under attack from Craig Jensen in a close battle that went right to the checkered flag. Rayburn held-off Jensen's challenges to take the win. Chuck Kevwitch placed third.

Sherry Miller aced the Fox Stock lapping almost the entire field (some and reaching the checkers just inch putting second place finisher Kelley down a lap too. Ken Day's Wendy Root finished third.

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